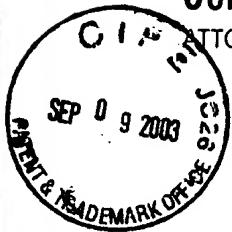




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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/183,267; Filed: October 30, 1998
For: **Computational Protein Probing to Identify Binding Sites**
Inventor: Frank GUARNIERI
Our Ref: 1866.0010001/JMC/PEG (*formerly SAR-12902*)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) - 3 months;
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
5. Petition for Acceptance of Color Drawings Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2);
6. Three (3) copies of Figures 1A-7 (Sheets 1-16) with 19 Figures in color on fifteen (15) sheets;
7. One (1) copy of Figures 1A-7 (Sheets 1-16) with 20 Figures in black and white on sixteen (16) sheets;

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Respectfully submitted,

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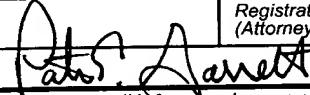
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Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings

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Submitted herewith are 16 sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1A, 1B, 2A-2D, 3A-3F, 4A-4C, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B and 7, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

Filed herewith is a Petition for Acceptance of Color Drawings Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) forwarding three (3) copies of the color drawings submitted herewith in addition to one (1) copy in black and white.

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